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NORWAY.

Quarantine against Egypt and Manila on account of plague.

CHRISTIANA, May 31, 1900.

SIR: Inclosed I have the honor to send duplicate copies of a proclamation issued by the Norwegian Government declaring quarantine against the harbors of Egypt and the harbor of Manila. The proclamation annuls the previous declaration of quarantine against the harbors of Paraguay.

I also inclose translation of the proclamation.

Respectfully,

HENRY BORDEWICH,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure—Translation.]

Circular from the justice and police department of the Royal Norwegian Government.

CHRISTIANA, May 26, 1900.

On the 23d instant is issued a royal circular as follows:

In conformity to paragraph 2 in law relating to quarantine regulations of July 12, 1848, it is hereby announced that the harbors of Egypt and the harbor of Manila are, until further orders, declared infected with the oriental plague, and that the regulations contained in the above-mentioned law and in circular of September 12, 1899, regarding quarantine are to be enforced at once.

At the same time it is also announced that the ports of Paraguay, which in circular of October 27, were declared infected with plague, no longer shall be considered so infected.

With which all concerned respectfully have to comply.

Which is hereby announced, while it will be remembered that, in accordance with earlier circulars, of February 1, 1897, June 27 and August 22, 1899, and March 10 and April 18, 1900, Arabia, Persia, India, China, Formosa, Mauritius, Argentina, the Sandwich Islands, and New Caledonia, as well as the city of Sydney, in Australia, shall until further orders be considered infected with the oriental plague.

EINAR LÖCHEN.
GEORG JOHANNESSEN.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., June 11, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended June 9, 1900.

Two new cases of smallpox were reported during the week, occurring in the jail where the former cases originated. Five cases are now under treatment in the city, but none have appeared in the port, which is 3 miles distant from the city.

This is the spring rainy season and heavy rains are falling nearly every day.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.